

Are All Teenagers A Juvenile Problem? Local Candy Strippers Give You the Answer

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CANDY STRIPERS . . . composed of teen-age volunteers at Harbor General Hospital take their work seriously as shown by Ginny Matey, 15 and Ruby Cline, 15, both of El Segundo who are wrapping in brown paper, glass syringes before the utensils are sterilized. They are working in the supply room adjoining surgery and are under the watchful supervision of Grace Duke, hospital attendant.



IN ADMITTING ROOM . . . where the first work of the Harbor Hospital begins are Candy Strippers, Richard Pulver and Sandra Ellison assisting W. H. Sullivan, kitchen employee. These teen-age volunteers receive no pay for their work.



CHECKING SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS . . . for sterilization is a responsible job but Richard Pulver proves his capability while working with Rowena Askew, surgical attendant at Harbor. On this table are all types of instruments used in operations.

THEIR OWN STORY . . .

By MILDRED HUNT

A pretty, teen-ager wearing a contagious smile, a red and white striped pinafore with snow-white blouse, walks into wards at Harbor General Hospital and in a friendly manner informs patients that she is there to bring a bit of freshness from the outdoors to them in helping to break their long hours of recovery. This buoyant approach by the group known as the Candy Strippers is boosting morale of the sick in such a way as to bring "God Bless You's" from the patients and numerous compliments from the hospital staff.

Not only do they help patient morale but give able assistance in the many tasks they are assigned to during their four-hour tour of duty per week at the hospital. It is amazing to learn of the various gaps of duty they have been able to fill in the 800 bed hospital where 12,000 employees are as busy as bees, day and night. They can be spotted in the hospital corridors scampering on urgent courier service, transporting patients to and from clinics, X-ray, laboratory, occupational therapy, admitting, etc. In all, they assist in 20 different departments.

CHECK SUPPLIES

In addition, they make up and check supplies, tidy cupboards, rooms and drawers, make up charts, fold and stack linen, run mail, act as hostesses and greet new patients. In all their duties they have been previously trained and work under strict supervision.

There are also special duties assigned to the teen-agers over 16 years of age (the program includes teens from 15

to 18). They learn to dress children and babies, feed, make beds, baby sit, entertain and play with children.

Pretty, young girls are not alone in this volunteer work. Boys serve in a most capable manner. The boys wear red and white striped shirts and white trousers. One boy, Don Mudgett, 15, of Leuzinger High School is working in the large pharmacy at the hospital. He works with the stock and keeps the shelves fully supplied under the watchful eye of Nathan Melnick, who is in charge. This boy has become so interested in medicine that he is planning to study it.

Mrs. Marguerite McAllister, who was brought to Harbor Hospital last October by Mrs. Frances Scott, director of nursing, to investigate the program has become so enthusiastic over the fine work and capability shown by the teen-agers that she can't find enough words of praise for them. She points out that their contributions and reliability far exceed expectations and the program is enlarging on the strength of its outstanding success. More departments of the

hospital are seeking the aid of the teen volunteers.

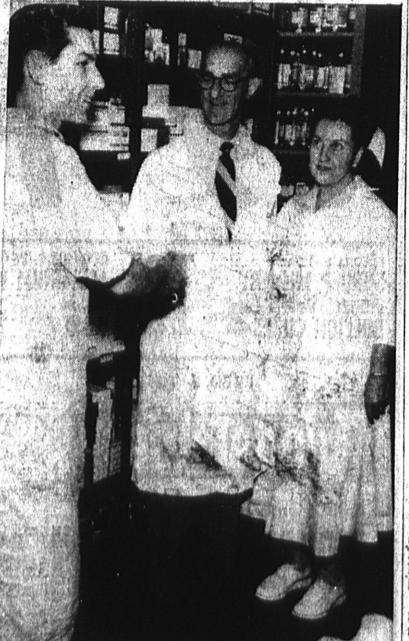
The volunteer teen program has two fold possibilities. It not only provides opportunities for teen-agers to get first hand experiences in the numerous fields of medicine, but is helping them to put their leisure hours to good use. The surprising success of the program could be based on the fact that youngsters in their formative years are getting their first taste of being needed and useful and are coming through in fine style. It is helping to combat that somewhat empty feeling so prevalent in the lives of most teen-agers of being a nobody and doing nothing important. This has been largely attributed as one of the underlying factors in a large number of juvenile delinquency cases.

125 CANDY STRIPERS
This program is combined with the adult, volunteer program which has contributed 8669 hours of work up to June 1 of this year. Since October there have been 680 volunteers, of which 125 are Candy Strippers.

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MR. SAW BONES . . . could be the title for Erik Karlsson, 15, of Torrance High School who is one of 125 teen-age volunteer workers at the Harbor Hospital. He has been assigned to help in the cast room and is aiding Gus Mora, of Harbor City, orthopedic technician. Posing as a possible patient is Charles Helen Nash of Compton who works in this department.



STOCK ROOM HELPER . . . Don Mudgett, 15, student at Leuzinger High School, has found his work so interesting that he plans to study this phase of hospital work. He is shown with Nathan Melnick and Mrs. Marguerite McAllister, former health nurse and now in charge of the volunteer program at the hospital which began last October.



PRESENTING THE GAVEL . . . for presidency of the Legion Auxiliary is Mrs. Barbara Crew, left, who hands the gavel to Mrs. Victoria Staker, right, as Mrs. Myrtle Hines, center, looks on. Mrs. Hines, 19th district president, installed the new Legion Auxiliary officers in a joint ceremony with the Torrance American Legion on Saturday evening at the American Legion hall on Border Ave.

Shower Fetes Bride-elect

Mrs. J. Cramer of 25602 Walnut Street was hostess at a pink and white bridal shower Sunday afternoon honoring Glenda Ingraham, bride-elect of Donald Farish, Lomita.

Guests present were Mrs. M. Ingraham and Mrs. M. I. Wheeler of Pasadena, mother and grandmother of the bride-elect; Mrs. W. D. Farish, mother of the bridegroom; Diane Farish, Mrs. A. Krieger, Mrs. Leora Qualotte and Mrs. Jeanson of Pasadena.

Mmes. Shirley Jolly, Ivy and Irene Butterfield, San Pedro; Ruth Elliott of Long Beach; Olaf Baker, Orin Pollock and Larry Gimenez of Lomita and Evelyn Sisko of San Pedro.

NOTE ANNIVERSARY

In celebration of their sixth wedding anniversary Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Hull entertained as their guests Dr. and Mrs. Howard Wood for an evening at Moulin Rouge where they enjoyed dinner and dancing.

Legion Auxiliary Installs Officers for 1956-57 Year

In a joint installation ceremony with the American Legion, new officers of the American Legion auxiliary were installed in an impressive ceremony on Saturday evening, June 23, at the Legion hall. Mrs. Victoria Staker assumed the leadership as president of the auxiliary for the 1956-57 year. Conducting the installation was Mrs. Myrtle Hines, 19th district president.

Other officers installed were: Dorothy Parks, vice president; Marguerite Baudin, second vice president; Mary Babcock, secretary; Mamie Atwood, treasurer; Lucile Thompson, historian; Alice Thompson, chaplain; Fan Wilkes, parliamentarian; Barbara Crew, junior past president; Rosemary Coleman, sergeant-at-arms; Ann Kasterko, marshal.

Mrs. Crew entertained the retiring board at a party at her home on Kathy Way on Thursday prior to the installation. Bridge and canasta were played with the high prizes going to Mrs. Alice Thompson and Mrs. Emma Roberts.

Mrs. Gues attending the party were Mmes. Lucile Thompson, Fan Wilkes, Dorothy Parks,

Mary Harder, Victoria Staker, Rosemary Coleman, Clara Conner, Ruby Backstrom, Olive Lee, Mamie Atwood, Daisie Watson, Merle Youngkin, Ed Robinson, Alice Thompson and Emma Roberts.

Entertains

Mrs. B. W. Roberts entertained her bridge club at a luncheon and party at her home, 1809 Amapola Ave., on Monday afternoon.

In the games following the luncheon, the high score prize went to Mrs. Laura Felker with Mrs. Edward Rhone holding second high.

Mrs. Roberts' guests were: Mmes. B. T. Whitney, Ralph McNeil, Delbert Thomas, John Oursler, Helen Dryer, Felker and Rhone.

Mrs. Thomsen will entertain the club at its next meeting in two weeks.

RESORT VACATION

Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Hull and children Doris Ann and Johnnie returned last week from a five day vacation spent at a lodge at Crowley Lake near Bishop.

Thompson-Gravette Nuptials Are Read at Western Baptist

Western Ave. Baptist Church was the setting on Saturday evening, June 23, at 8 for the ceremony in which Miss Seline Jeanette Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Warren of 22923 Walnut St., and Romie Thompson of Torrance exchanged her vows with Bob Gravette, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Gravett, of 2476 W. 255th, Lomita.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her grandfather, Fernand De Passe, wore a street length formal of white lace. Her fingertip veil fell from a sequin tiara and she carried a white orchid surrounded by valley lilies.

Miss Joyce Wixon was the maid of honor wearing lavender lace and carrying pink carnations. Bridesmaids were Miss Diane Clark in pale blue net and Miss Dixie Lee De Passe in pink net. Both carried showers of pink carnations.

Little Diane Magnante, in white nylon and lace, dropped petals from a basket in the path of the bride.

Douglas Gravette brought the rings to the altar.

Daniel Clarence Gravette served as best man and ushers were Darwin Smith and Richard Case. The Rev. Wayne Kellingstad officiated at the ceremony as Mrs. Esther Howe sang "Because" and "The Lord's Prayer" accompanied by Mrs. Dorothy McDonald, organist.

A reception followed at a restaurant. Mrs. Jennie Magnante was in charge of the guest book. The couple spent a honeymoon at Big Bear and are now at home in Torrance. The bride is a Torrance High school graduate and the bridegroom is serving with the United States Air Force. He is a Narbonne High graduate.



MRS. BOB GRAVETTE
... Married June 23

(Credly photo)